(a) whether it is a fact that a special terminal for low cost airlines is being constructed in the GMR-Hyderabad Inernational Airport Limited (HIAL);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the proposals before Government for utilization of the existing airport once the GMR-HIAL airport becomes operational at Hyderabad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) There is a provision in the Master Plan of Hyderabad International Airport Limited (HIAL) for a seperate terminal for low cost airlines at the new Rajiv Gandhi International Airport coming up at Shamshabad, Hyderabad. However, the feasibility studies for the construction of this terminal would be taken up after the completion of Phase-I in March, 2008.

(c) Airports Authority of India (AAI) is considering to set up an Integrated Aviation Academy or Aviation University at the existing Hyderabad International Airport, as also to set up maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) facilities for the airlines, once the new airport becomes operational.

Decrease in air cargo fare

†4282. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is 15 to 20 per cent decrease in air cargo fare during recent period;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor and whether Government had prior information in this regard;

(c) the efforts being made to avert it so that aviation companies can be saved from incurring loss; and

(d) by when Government efforts would show their results?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) Government does not regulate the air freight charges. According to the 'Open Sky Policy', Air Operators are free to charge rates in their commercial judgement.

New projects in Haryana

†4283. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new airports proposed to be set up by Government in the country during the next one year;

(b) whether any project for setting up a new airport or cargo airport in Haryana is under consideration;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Two new Greenfield airports are being developed with Public Private Partnership (PPP) as a Joint Venture Project at Bangalore and Hyderabad. They would be operationalized next year.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) As the expansion/modernization of Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi, is underway, no need is felt for having a new airport in Haryana at present.

Encroachment in airports

4284. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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